THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) The Planning Commission has not made any state-specific recommendations with regard to the location of IIITs.

(b) to (c) This Ministry is considering setting up of 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country during the Eleventh Plan, mostly in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Cost of the IIITs will be shared by the Central government, State governments and Industry Partners. The Government of Gujarat have indicated their willingness to provide the required land, capital infrastructure and equity participation for the IIIT in their State. Details regarding contribution of the Central government, State governments and private partners for setting up of IIITs as also the states in which these IIITs will be located are yet to be finalized.

Upgradation of universities to international standard

1760. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted in selecting universities for upgradation to the international standard;

(b) whether it is a fact that not even a single university from Andhra Pradesh has been taken up for upgradation to the level of world universities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) to (c) The Government is considering a proposal to set up 14 new Innovation Universities aiming at world class standards should be located in or around large cities which would automatically have a kind of connectivity and infrastructure which such university would need. One such Innovation University is proposed to be established in Vishakhapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Directives for austerity measures to autonomous and statutory bodies

1761. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry, as part of austerity measures, has issued a directive on September 12, 2009 to all autonomous and statutory bodies for increasing tuition fee, levying user fees and withdrawal of hostel subsidies, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has also put in 10 per cent cut in non-Plan expenditure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor particularly behind withdrawal of hostel subsidies?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In consonance with the economy instructions issued by Ministry of Finance on austerity measures, instructions were issued to heads of all autonomous and statutory bodies for effecting

cut in non-salary component of non-plan expenditure. In the same set of instructions, an advisory was issued to make efforts to generate additional resources by gradual revision of tuition fees, levy of user fees, withdrawal of hostel subsidies and other measures.

Model schools for educationally backward districts of Rajasthan

1762. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has identified educationally backward districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government proposes to develop educationally backward districts by setting up model schools, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the allocation made to Rajasthan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Central Government has decided to set up 6000 Model Schools at the block level at the rate of one school per block as benchmarks of excellence. It has been decided to set up 2500 of these schools through State Governments in educationally backward blocks. Rajasthan has 186 educationally backward blocks. Sanctioning of schools is based on viability of proposals received from State Governments.

Unabated growth in number of private institutes

1763. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unabated growth in the number of private institutes of higher education without any quality check has forced some academics from Harvard University to scrutinise this sector;

(b) if so, their findings in this regard; and

(c) the follow up action which has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) to (c) Matters related to growth and quality of privately funded institutions of higher education are addressed by the Central and State Governments, if necessary, in consultation with stake